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### Late-Night Alcohol Sales

Many people believe they should be able to purchase alcoholic beverages whenever they please. However, the sale of alcoholic beverages should be illegal after 10 o'clock at night to improve employee safety, to help the consumer, and to help society.

First of all, the sale of alcoholic beverages after 10 o'clock at night should be prohibited to improve the safety of the employees who work at alcohol-serving establishments. According to Dr. Robert Goodman, the CEO of The Safety and Health Institute of Employees, "Not selling alcohol after 10 o'clock at night will increase the sobriety of customers before closing time." Dr. Goodman explains how drunk customers are more likely to argue and fight with employees, which could endanger the employees, but he says that relatively few such arguments and fights have been reported before 10 p.m. Also, Mr. Keith Simmons, the owner of many bars across the country, says he began refusing the sale of alcoholic beverages to his customers after 10 o'clock at night, and he says now his employees are able to close the bars more safely without having to deal with drunk customers who threaten them.

Secondly, the sale of alcoholic beverages should be unlawful after 10 p.m. to help the customers. A well-respected medical doctor who studies the effects of alcohol on the body, Dr. Samantha Lee, explains that the body is less sore, less dehydrated, and less vulnerable to infection when a person stops drinking early in the night. Dr. Sam Williams, who studies the serious health risks alcohol causes on the body, says that people who drink for long hours late

into the night are more likely to experience alcohol poisoning, liver damage, and malnutrition than those who stop drinking earlier in the night.

Lastly, the sale of alcoholic beverages should be against the law after 10:00 at night to help society by reducing alcohol-related deaths during peak alcohol-intoxication hours. Officer Darby Dunn, head of the police department in Houston, Texas, explains that most drunk driving accidents occur late at night and result in casualties to other drivers or passengers who were not drinking. Officer Dunn explains that if people stopped drinking earlier in the night that they would have more time to sober up before driving, thus preventing deaths of others on the road. Also, Mr. Mark King, an attorney in Little Rock, Arkansas, explains that more than half of his cases in the last three years have been driving-while-intoxicated incidents that occurred between the hours of 11 o'clock at night and 2 o'clock in the morning.

In conclusion, the sale of alcoholic beverages late at night should be against the law. This late-night alcohol-sale ban would help the employees at bars and other facilities that sell alcohol by protecting them from highly intoxicated customers. Consumers' health would benefit if they were unable to purchase alcohol after 10 p.m. Lastly, society would be safer without the late-night threat of intoxicated drivers. Obviously, the sale of alcoholic beverages should be illegal after 10 o'clock at night.